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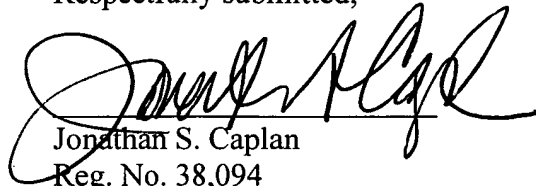
Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The references cited herein were cited in the PCT International Search Report for corresponding international application number PCT/US01/31855. A copy of the International Search Report mailed January 23, 2002 is enclosed. Copies of the listed reference are also enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be made of record in this patent application.

The above papers are being submitted within three (3) months of receipt of the Search Report. Accordingly, each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this information disclosure statement.

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Respectfully submitted,



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